

**Advisory Committee on Juvenile Justice  
Meeting Minutes**

***June 18, 2007***

***Approved: August 23, 2007***

The official business meeting of the Advisory Committee on Juvenile Justice was held at the Hampton Roads Convention Center, 1610 Coliseum Drive, Hampton, Virginia 23666.

***Committee Members Present***

Benjamin Andrews  
Kevin Appel  
Frank Beylotte representing Janet Lung, Proxy for Dr. Reinhard  
Jane Brown, Proxy for Anthony Conyers  
The Hon. Warner D. (Dave) Chapman  
Peter Feddo  
\*Barry Green  
\*Lynette Greenfield, Proxy for Barry Green  
Eileen Grey  
Andrew Jennings  
The Hon. Jerrauld Jones  
Dr. Jay W. Malcan  
Charles Martin  
The Hon. Charles Phelps  
Daniel L. Plaugher  
Robert E. Shepherd, Jr.  
The Hon. Michael W. Stewart  
Wayne Thomas  
Ruby G. Turner  
Gina E. Wood

***Committee Members Not Present***

The Hon. Robert B. Bell  
Dr. Cindy Cave, Proxy for Dr. Cannaday, Jr.  
Monica Estrada  
Matthew T. Gowin  
Sophia McEachin  
Chief Rodney D. Monroe  
The Hon. Linda T. Puller

***DCJS Staff present***

Fran Ecker  
Laureen Hyman  
Laurel Marks  
Ashaki McNeil  
Curtis Stevens  
Karen Sullivan

\* While both the Director and his proxy were present, they only had one vote on matters coming before the committee.

## **I Grantee Presentations**

Grantees introduced themselves and gave an overview of their programs.

## **II. Welcome, Call to Order and Introductions**

The meeting was called to order by the Chair, Mr. Charles Martin. All present introduced themselves to the group.

## **III. Review and Approval of Minutes**

Mr. Martin asked if there were any comments, additions or deletions to be made to the minutes from the April 25, 2007, meeting of the ACJJ. Mr. Daniel Plaugher made a motion to approve the minutes. The motion was seconded and approved unanimously.

## **IV. Compliance Monitoring Report**

Mr. Curtis Stevens gave a compliance monitoring report on Virginia. The Office of Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention requested that all states begin monitoring their law enforcement facilities more closely. Mr. Stevens sent out survey forms to approximately 350 Chiefs of Police and Sheriffs in Virginia asking them to complete the surveys pertaining to their facilities and return them in order to make classification of being either Secure or a Non-Secure facility easily identifiable. For those that are secure facilities, Mr. Stevens will add them to his list for future on-site visits. Mr. Stevens also reported that DCJS has put together a compliance monitoring link at the Juvenile Services web page on the DCJS web page ([www.dcjs.virginia.gov/juvenile/compliance/](http://www.dcjs.virginia.gov/juvenile/compliance/)) which contains useful information for those who work in the areas of law enforcement and juvenile detention. The OJJDP Audit of Virginia's Compliance Monitoring System is scheduled for the week of July 23. The 2007 compliance monitoring period will end on June 30, 2007. The annual monitoring report must be completed and submitted to OJJDP by December 31, 2007.

## **V. Report on CJJ Board Meeting and Reauthorization Summit**

Mr. Martin noted that he, Mr. Bob Shepherd, Mr. Wayne Thomas and Ms. Gina Wood attended the Reauthorization Summit. Mr. Martin reported briefly on the changes in bylaws that passed. SAG members from each state are still key decision-makers for CJJ as they vote on the board; however, the board has been expanded to include others.

Ms. Wood reported on the DMC Coordinators Committee meeting. Mr. Mark Soler was one of the speakers, and spoke regarding Models for Change.

Ms. Marks noted that there was a session on how other states (Oregon and Missouri) are complying with the sight and sound separation requirement. They are similar to Virginia, and their position appears to be consistent with Virginia, that it is not in the best interests of juveniles to comply with the current interpretation. There was some discussion on how the JJDP Act can be amended in order to not go against what others believe. There was also some discussion regarding why Virginia is not in compliance.

## **IV. Bylaws Update**

The new draft of bylaws was discussed.

Mr. Plaugher asked about the former decision of the committee to allow the Chair the ability to make quick decisions on behalf of the committee. Mr. Martin responded that the decision was only for purposes of reauthorization.

In relation to Article V, Section III, the question was raised whether a member participating by phone in a meeting where a quorum was physically present could vote. Ms. Ecker

indicated that the agency is looking into this for the Criminal Justice Services Board, and what is learned there will be shared with the ACJJ.

## **V. FACJJ Survey**

Members were asked to rate their top five choices for the 2007 annual request for information from OJJDP:

1. DMC
2. Mental Health Assessment and Treatment/Substance Abuse
3. Gangs
4. Reentry
5. Effective assistance of counsel

It was also suggested that we address sex offenders in the "Other" category of this request, and that we speak to the compliance issue in states that have blended sentencing, like Missouri, Oregon, and Virginia.

## **VI. ACJJ Member Reports**

Mr. Martin recognized those members whose terms have expired and are not eligible for reappointment: Mr. Daniel Plaughter and Mr. Matthew Gowin.

Mr. Barry Green remarked on the recent graduations at the juvenile correctional centers. Natural Bridge High School had 5 graduates receiving diplomas, Culpeper had 8 GEDs and had 9 graduates receiving diplomas. This year was the largest graduating class ever seen.

Ms. Ruby Turner attended a program on Founders Day at the Hanover Juvenile Correctional Center, where the first JROTC program was initiated.

Ms. Grey pointed out an article in USA Today on the front page asking "Should kids go to court in chains?" Ms. Grey also distributed fliers for a former ACJJ member, Justin Wilson, who is running for office in Alexandria. She also noted that she met with Jim Moran's representative on the appropriations committee. This person told her that although they hear a lot regarding violence against women, they rarely hear about juvenile justice. Congressman Wolfe has an interest in children at risk.

Mr. Frank Beylotte reported on the juvenile detention center project. JABG funding in 2003 supported five pilot projects. Services have recently expanded to all juvenile detention centers (23).

Judge Jerrauld Jones reminded everyone that Virginia is hosting the National Council on Juvenile and Family Court Judges, at the Marriott in Norfolk, Virginia, beginning July 27, 2008. He would like to see the ACJJ involved in this function. Judge Jones is the Co-Chair of the host judge committee. Over 1,000 attendees are expected. Also, Judge Jones got a call from an education reporter, who wanted to talk with Judge Jones about the wide ranging issues in juvenile justice.

## **VII. Conference Update**

Ms. Marks explained the logistics of the conference to the group and assigned tasks to some of the members present at the meeting.

**VIII. Rescheduling the ACJJ Retreat**

OJJDP has a mandatory meeting on the dates originally scheduled, so we will look at calendars and send out information about new dates in the near future for the ACJJ Retreat.

**IX. Adjourn**

A motion was made by Mr. Martin to adjourn at 7:50pm, was seconded and approved unanimously.